

## COAL MINERS SAY NO TO AGREEMENT

Their Full Committee Fails  
to Back Up Sub-  
Committee.

## NEGOTIATIONS BROKEN.

An Indefinite End to Efforts  
For Peace in the  
Industry.

## OPERATORS HAD AGREED

Baer Believes Miners Will Ulti-  
mately Sign the Rejected  
Proposal.

The conference committee of the anthracite mine workers turned down the tentative agreement accepted by their own subcommittee and the sub-committee of the anthracite operators at the meeting of the full conference committees of the anthracite operators and the mine workers held yesterday. The meeting took place in the rooms of the Trunk Line Association, 114 Liberty street, and lasted a little over an hour and a half.

The indirect recognition of the union in the appointment of a grievance committee for every mine was not enough for the committee. Its members wanted full recognition of the union, the check system by which the union dues would be withheld from the pay envelopes of the miners the eight-hour workday, a larger increase in wages than 10 per cent, and a shorter agreement than four years, practically, in short, all that the original demands called for.

John P. White, president of the United Mine Workers and spokesman of the mine workers committee, is sick at present at Oskaloosa, Ia., and his place was taken yesterday by ex-Senate Senator William Green of Ohio, statistician of the union.

The chairman at yesterday's meeting was Alvan Markle, who was chairman at all previous conferences. The operators' committee held a meeting before the joint conference of yesterday and passed a resolution accepting the agreement. The mine workers' conference, however, had held a meeting at which it was decided not to accept the agreement, and their refusal to ratify it at yesterday's conference followed.

George F. Baer was asked when the meeting was over what were the prospects for peace, but he would not be quoted beyond stating that the conference committee of the operators still was willing to carry out a previous offer to refer the matters in dispute to the Anthracite Strike Commission. These are Gen. J. M. Wilson, U. S. A., retired; E. E. Clark of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Bishop Shading of Peoria, Ill.; T. Watkins and United States Judge George Gray of Delaware.

A representative of the operators later issued a statement giving a résumé of the negotiations. It says that the operators assumed that the proposed agreement after three weeks of constant negotiations would be approved.

During the conference yesterday President Baer of the Philadelphia and Reading was the principal spokesman for the operators and ex-Senate Senator Green did most of the talking for the mine workers. Mr. Baer held that as the sub-committee reported carefully to consider the matter and agreed on a proposition to make the duty of the sub-committee of the mine workers to use every effort to get the full committee of the mine workers to accept it. The sub-committee of the operators was under a similar obligation.

In extracts from the minutes of yesterday's meeting which were given out on behalf of the operators it was shown that Mr. Thomas for the operators said that it was impossible to consider a proposed advance of 14 per cent, when the miners had made an agreement in the bituminous fields of an advance of 5 per cent.

After some talk between Mr. Baer and Mr. Green Mr. Baer suggested that an adjournment be taken and when the committee of the miners was ready to meet the operators again the miners' committee should send word and another meeting could be called. Mr. Green asked as if there was an intention to break up all negotiations, but Mr. Baer said there was no such intention as far as the operators were concerned, and their committee was morally bound and must make a desperate effort to carry out what the committee of the mine workers had agreed to.

The mine workers' committee then went to the Victoria Hotel, where there was a meeting of the executive committee of the union, which consists of over thirty members. A statement was then issued by Senator Green in which he said that while there were some things in the tentative agreement which made it an improvement on previous agreements some parts of it were objectionable, especially the failure to recognize the union as a party to the agreement.

It was necessary to report the matter to the convention of the anthracite mine workers which will come out all right in the end," Mr. Baer said yesterday when asked for his opinion regarding the prospects for a coal peace or strike since the full committee had rejected the plan of settlement.

Mr. Baer left New York shortly after the conference between the operators' representatives.

He was asked if he thought the union was as good as broken.

"No, I believe so," he replied. "The

## WILKESBARRE PLEAS.

Miners There Glad the Agreement Was Upset.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., May 2.—Miners here express much joy over the refusal of the tri-district board to sanction the agreement with the operators. They were disappointed at the tentative plans of settlement reached because the sliding scale was abolished and a flat 10 per cent. increase in wages allowed, which practically netted them a raise of a little over 5 per cent.

The miners say that the suspension of one month has prepared them for a long siege if greater concessions cannot be brought about in any other way. From the start the miners have been against a strike, but now that they are idle they would rather fight out what questions are to be settled because they believe the coal companies are not prepared for a struggle and that they would in a sense be beaten before a strike began.

SHAMONK, Pa., May 2.—Large crowds surrounded the bulletin boards here today when a report arrived from New York that the miners and operators' sub-committee report had not been ratified by the general committee. There is fear that a strike will eventually be ordered. It was generally hoped to-day's meeting would end in a satisfactory agreement.

## BARNARD GOES TO MARKET.

Fifteen Members of the Cooking Class Learn About Meat.

Members of the cooking class from the Barnard School of Household Arts, 226 West Seventy-ninth street, fifteen or more of them, with their teacher, Miss Adelaide E. Stryker, flattered into Washington Market yesterday morning to the city of cattle for beef. The trip was arranged by Sidney Goodacre, city superintendent of public markets, who turned the young women over to Carl A. Koelsch, president of the Washington Market Association.

He piloted his charges through the aisles of the big market and pointed out the various sorts of meat for sale there. Then Mr. Koelsch gave them a talk on the cuts of meat and how they could choose good meats when they had households of their own to look after. Washington Market, he explained, had become more than just what meat butchers had before the butcher delivers it. Their trip was arranged by Sidney Goodacre, city superintendent of public markets, who turned the young women over to Carl A. Koelsch, president of the Washington Market Association.

In answer to a question he pointed out that prices for meats were now at a very high mark and gave as a reason the scarcity of live beef. If the farmers in the West had any beef to sell they would be hurrying to get rid of it at the prices they can obtain now. With corn at an unusually high figure it followed that the supply of cattle for beef was limited because it cost so much to fatten the steers for market. Edward Elfridge and Frank A. Knoll then took the girls in charge and explained the sea food for sale there.

"We had such an interesting time," said one of the cooking class students after she had returned from the market. "We saw the different sorts of meats and how they are cut up. They showed us the oysters that soup comes from and we looked at the different kinds of cheese they sell. And you should have seen the big turtles one of the dealers had. They were for soup too."

## WOMEN SCARE MAYOR SHANK.

Their Threats Cause Him to Order Immoral Resorts Closed.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 2.—A committee of women which has had the socialists under consideration for several weeks, has conferred with Mayor Shank from time to time and has finally served notice on him and Supt. Hyland that they will proceed against them under the law if the immoral houses are not closed.

The plan proposed is to impeach the Mayor and the superintendent, and so aggressive have the women become that the Mayor has surrendered.

"You can't tell what these women will do next," said Shank. "If they should take Hyland and me into court and charge us with permitting a violation of law under police regulation it might be hard to make a satisfactory defence. I have come to the conclusion the best thing to do is to issue a formal order for the houses to close."

## "I DESERVED IT," SAYS OSCAR.

Tells of Getting Legion of Honor Rosette—Answers "Gill Blas."

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, May 2.—Oscar Hammerstein is not concerned over the question of the Paris *Gil Blas* as to his right to wear the rosette of the Legion of Honor while he was receiving King George at the charity matinee at his opera house the other day. He told the correspondent of THE SUN that the French Consul had presented him with a certificate and the ribbon of the Legion three years ago in New York in recognition of his efforts to introduce French opera there.

"I do not know what grade of the order I received," said Mr. Hammerstein, "but what I did for French opera deserved the highest recognition, and I am not egotistical."

It might be mentioned in this connection that some time ago Oscar ejected the representative of *Gil Blas* here from the London Opera House for asking immaterial questions.

## MAETERLINCK TO BOX PUG.

Belgian Author, Proud of Provence, Will Meet Carpenter.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, May 2.—Maurice Maeterlinck, the Belgian author, is a fervent disciple of boxing. As a matter of fact he thinks he is very sick with the gloves. He has accepted an invitation to appear in the ring at a charity fight against the wonderful French middleweight champion Georges Carpentier. Another match which will be pulled off on the same occasion will be between Tristan Bernard, the playwright, who is a clever boxer, and a negro.

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## MADERO WILL FIGHT OROZCO TO FINISH

President of Mexico Tells "The Sun" Correspondent He Never Will Yield.

## EXPECTS VICTORY SOON

But in Event of Defeat He Will Retire to Mountains and Continue War.

MEXICO CITY, via Galveston May 2.—In a remarkable interview granted exclusively to THE SUN correspondent and setting at rest all doubts regarding his intentions President Madero said today:

"Replying to your questions, it is untrue I have sent De la Barra to treat with Orozco, and I never shall treat with him. I will not resign the Presidency. I am sure Gen. Huerta will defeat Orozco; but even if he is defeated I will not resign. Even if Orozco takes the capital of the republic I will not resign, but in such event, which I consider impossible, I will retire to the mountains of the south with all available forces and continue the war as long as I have breath of life. Even in the most desperate circumstances I will continue to defend the legality of the Mexican flag placed in my hands by the Mexican people."

A fierce battle is reported raging in the State of Puebla. Zapata is leading the rebels in person. Heavy losses are reported on both sides. The Federalists seem to be winning, but the details are lacking.

The State of Oaxaca reports an uprising of Indians.

El Paso, Tex., May 2.—Considerable excitement was created today when it became known that V. L. Ochoa, who started a revolution against President Diaz in 1893, had arrived here and aligned himself with the rebel cause. Ochoa, who is now the president of the International Airship Company of Paterson, N. J., was believed to have died in an asylum in New York in 1905, following his release from King's county prison in Brooklyn, in which he had spent a two and a half year sentence for having violated the United States neutrality laws in attempting to smuggle arms across the Rio Grande to his army, then operating in Chihuahua.

He says he gave out the news himself that he had died because the Mexican Government had a standing offer of \$50,000 for him as long as Porfirio Diaz was in the presidential chair. Ochoa had no trouble in establishing his identity among old timers in this region, who knew him when he was "General" Ochoa, head of "The Revolution of 1893."

A delegation of officials representing the Mexican rebels will be at the station tomorrow morning to meet Secretary of State Knox as he passes through to California, if he is out of bed at 6:10, when the train arrives.

## SAY KOENIGIN LUISE LEAKED.

Crew's Emphatic Tale Denied by Ship's Officers, However.

Members of the crew of the North German Lloyd liner Koenigin Luise, which docked at Hoboken late last Wednesday, were emphatic in their stories about the Hoboken waterfront that the big liner had sprung a leak at sea. This story was backed up by longshoremen employed to unload the Koenigin, which left Bremen on April 29, and by the ship's officers and none of the passengers knew anything about it.

According to the waterfront reports the leak was discovered in the forward hold. The Koenigin left Bremen on April 29, and the sailors say that the officers attempted to use their pumps, but there was too much water and they couldn't get effective work out of the pumps. The water, say the crew, rose finally to the level of the lowest deck and was at least twelve feet high by the time the big German docked.

To back up these stories they pointed to barrels and boxes dripping wet that were being taken out of the forward hold all day yesterday. They said they had to go down in the hold with ropes tied to their waists.

With 370 first and second cabin passengers aboard and 1,350 stowage passengers. She is commanded by Capt. Ensigns. She has fourteen lifeboats and eight collapsible lifeboats aboard.

## MEN AS IMPORTANT AS SWINE.

Senator Owen Defends His Health Bill Against Hefty Attack.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Petitions several pounds in weight protesting against the passage of the Owen bill to create a bureau of public health were submitted by Senator Culberson of Texas to the Senate today.

"These petitions," said Senator Owen, "are based on the theory that my bill would place the public health service under control of one school of medicine. That is not true. Sanitary regulations and questions of medical treatment are controlled under the police power of States."

"Our country is the only one among civilized nations that has not a national health service. The loss of 1,700 lives on the Titanic is duplicated daily in the death of citizens of the United States caused by preventable diseases. Rules of health should get at least as much publicity as are the means for preventing disease in swine. Insurance companies, health societies and the Democratic and Republican platforms have neglected the principles dealt with in my bill."

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## WILSON'S HEALTH BROKEN?

New Jersey Governor is Reported Confined to His Bed.

TRENTON, N. J., May 2.—Recent primary results, particularly those in Massachusetts, have cast a distinct gloom over the Wilson headquarters in this city, and some of the staunchest supporters of the Governor admit for the first time that the chances of his securing the nomination seemed to be waning. In addition to the reverses already suffered by the Wilson cause reports from various parts of the South, from which so much had been expected, have been most discouraging.

The Governor was reported to-day to be confined to his bed with a severe cold, but his ailment is said to be rather in the nature of a physical breakdown. He had not been in good health for some time. The Governor has no further campaign plans for the immediate future and his subsequent trips about the country will depend largely upon the primary results of the next week or so.

Chairman Edward E. Grosscup of the Democratic State committee is one of the few who are still optimistic. "We will put Wilson over," was the way Mr. Grosscup sized up the situation to-day.

This feeling is not shared by a large majority of the Wilson men who frequent the capital.

## RULES FOR PARK SPOONING.

A. H. Spencer's Committee Discusses Them With Commissioner.

If Park Commissioner Stover accepts the advice of A. H. Spencer's committee a kindly policeman will greet all young couples at the entrance to the city parks this summer with a nice orange and blue card rules of the park. If this does not avail and the summer moon becomes a bit too powerful another policeman will stand in front of the couple as they sit on a bench and stare reproachfully. If none of these stratagems succeeds the law must take its course.

Mr. Spencer was appointed by the Mayor several months ago to select a committee of citizens to study park conditions for the purpose of bettering them in every way. The committee has not only taken up the question of young people on summer evenings but has gone into the subjects of flowers, walking on the grass and other park problems.

The committee met Mr. Stover last night at the house of Mr. Spencer, 200 West Fifty-seventh street. They discussed everything from rhododendrons to walking on the grass.

Mr. Stover's committee members suggested that a policeman meet evening visitors was not made public. Mr. Stover did not say whether he would accept the proposition or not. There will be another meeting at the Arsenal next Tuesday.

## BUTTER AND EGGS GO UP.

Prices Next Winter May Reach a New High Level.

Meat will not be the only high priced foodstuffs according to H. L. Preston, editor of the *Produce News*; butter and eggs also will be high in the coming year. Unless the hens get busy and beat all former records, eggs will soar, but the hens may yet make up the four weeks that the cold season has put them behind in their laying, he said.

Mr. Preston was not prepared to prophesy on the coming high prices beyond the fact that they would assuredly be higher than ever, especially butter and eggs. The fact that dealers cannot store butter for more than a year adds to the cost to the consumer, he said.

The price for potatoes would go to \$8 a barrel, he continued, if it were not for Irish and Belgian importations. The cabbage crop is short, and cabbages, like artichokes, are becoming luxuries. Potatoes are the one product, he declared, that has not risen in price by leaps and bounds.

## HERS NO DOTHEBOYS SCHOOL.

Miss Ivens Wins Libel Award on Sardinia Charge.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN. LONDON, May 2.—Miss Ivens, the keeper of a boarding school for girls at Swanley, who sued a couple named Griffin for libel because they accused her of running a Dotheboys affair and giving her charges one sardine for breakfast, came out triumphant to-day. The court awarded her \$1,000 damages. The bulk of the testimony was in Miss Ivens' favor and the rest suggested prejudice or exaggeration.

## GOV. TENER FINED AS SPEEDER.

Pays \$11.25 for Exceeding the Limit in City of Reading.

READING, Pa., May 2.—Gov. Tener this afternoon paid a fine for exceeding the speed limit while passing through the city in his auto last Sunday. He was reported by Traffic Officer Klopff, and Chief Green notified him that if fine and costs amounting to \$11.25 were not paid in a reasonable time the State would be asked to revoke his license.

The Governor's personal check for the above amount was received in to-day's mail. Accompanying the check was a letter saying that while the State, the owner of the car, could not be sued, the Governor desired to live up to the law. He said there was no intention to exceed the limit and that he had gone through the town a dozen times at the same speed before while on business for the State, but no notice was ever given to him. He will hereafter avoid Reading.

## SUES OFFICER WHO HIT HIM.

Military School Teacher Demands \$5,000 From Major M. F. Davis.

NEWBURGH, N. Y., May 2.—A suit for \$5,000 damages for assault has been brought by Frank W. Lindsey, an instructor at the New York Military Academy at Cornwall, against Major Milton F. Davis, U. S. A., retired, military commander of the school. The case is to be tried at a term of the Supreme Court which opens in this city next Monday. Davis acknowledges that he struck Lindsey, but says he did it in self-defense.

An argument relative to some work in the school led to blows. Davis asserts that Lindsey was the aggressor and threatens a counter suit. Lindsey says he not only received personal injuries but was humiliated in the eyes of the students.

## NAVY OFFICER KILLED BOARDING STREET CAR

Lieut. Ray H. McDonald's Skull Crushed Against Brooklyn Elevated Pillar.

## MARRIED A MONTH AGO

Had Seen Service in China, Where He Commanded the Gunboat Villalobos.

Lieut. Ray S. McDonald, U. S. N., when boarding a Union street car at Fulton and Tillary streets, Brooklyn, at 6 o'clock last night, slipped and was thrown against one of the pillars of the elevated, sustaining fractures and contusions of the skull which caused his death three-quarters of an hour later at the Brooklyn Hospital. He was on his way to Washington to get his orders, having been unattached since his return from command of the gunboat Villalobos on February 17.

Lieut. McDonald married Katherine Heiner, daughter of the late Rear Admiral Heiner, one month ago in Washington. She had moved there with her mother after the death of the Admiral on February 1, and their home at 189 Prospect place, Brooklyn, had been given up. Lieut. McDonald went West on his honeymoon and returned to Brooklyn two weeks ago, staying at the Mansion House on Willow street.

Mrs. McDonald was prostrated last night at the home of a friend, Mrs. Edward Brooks of 69 South Oxford street, whither it was understood that Donald McDonald, brother of the Lieutenant was hurrying from West Point.

Lieut. Ray Straith McDonald was born in Canada on August 26, 1884, and was appointed to Annapolis from North Dakota on November 22, 1902, graduating in February, 1908. Just before his marriage a month ago he passed examinations for the Lieutenancy and was going to Washington to be assigned to the bureau of ordinance. It was said at the Naval Hospital last night.

His service on leaving Annapolis was with the Asiatic squadron, for a good part of the time on the flagship Saratoga, during the inception of the Chinese revolution. He was in command of the little gunboat Villalobos, which was on the upper Yangtze River when the first guns of the rebellion were fired at Wu-chang. Shore parties were landed to protect Americans and other foreigners. The gates of the city were closed and the rebels refused to open them to the demand of Lieut. McDonald. Several days later fifty missionaries fled from the city and the escort of a party from the Villalobos was given to them.

Lieut. McDonald arrived in San Francisco from the Orient on February 17. Having been on sea duty since his graduation from the Naval Academy he was placed on waiting orders.

## MAY KING KILLED BY CAR.

Little Boy Was Crossing the Street to Buy a Paper Crown.

Tightly clutching a five cent piece in his hand, William Kruckeberg, 6 years old, of 510 Westchester avenue, was run down and killed by a trolley car last night as he crossed the street less than a hundred feet from his home. His mother gave him the nickel to buy a paper crown for a May Day party which boys and girls in the neighborhood were planning to have on Saturday in St. Mary's Park. It had been the ambition of the boy's short life to be king of one of these parties and this year his ambition was achieved.

Mr. Kruckeberg, a retired druggist, bought the Maypole with its strings of colored ribbons early in the week and the boy's whole interest was in the coming party. Afternoon after noon he would be in the house and play with the Maypole and his mother had busied herself with making him a costume.

Yesterday the costume was complete except for the crown, which the king of the May should wear. When Willie told his mother that they could be purchased in a store across the street Mrs. Kruckeberg gave him the money and sent him to get one. This was at dusk last night.

A southbound Westchester avenue trolley car came down on him as he crossed the tracks. The car's fender was too high to save the little body and the boy was caught in the forward truck. Motorman Patrick O'Donoghue stopped the car as quickly as he could, and called a patrolman for an ambulance and Dr. Sherman of the Fordham Hospital responded. He crawled under the car, to find that the boy was dead.

## FLED OVER FOUR FENCES.

Then Jumped a Car, but Was Caught—No Charge Against Him.

A man who said he was Alfred Sonntag, a bartender of 1237 Franklin avenue, but who had letters in his pocket addressed to Dr. Alfred Sonntag, was locked up in the Morrisania avenue police station yesterday charged with being a suspicious person. The police say that a Dr. Alfred Sonntag was arrested about a year ago charged with criminality in a medical case.

William Parks of 3545 Third avenue yesterday afternoon sent a patrolman to the rear door of 1272 Washington avenue. The Bronx, with something bulky under his arm, Parks, suspecting that he was a thief, called on him to stop. The man asked four fences and ran through a house on 108th street to the street with Parks still on his trail. Then the fugitive took a trolley car and Parks shouted for policemen. Detectives Remoy and Wickman finally took the man off the car a few blocks away. Nothing was found on him to indicate a theft and no one could be found at 1272 Washington avenue who was the man.

Sonntag refused to answer any of the questions the police put to him and when they found the letters in his pocket they decided to hold him to see if they couldn't fasten some crime on him.

## ATWOOD'S FIGHT HALTED AGAIN.

KENNESBPORT, Me., May 2.—HARRY N. ATWOOD has been called the second time in his efforts to win a million dollars. He will try again to win a million dollars. He landed here at 12:30 A. M. after a five-hour journey.

## MAYOR LIKES THE "MOVIES."

Tells Aldermen the Shows Are a Solace to the Community.

Mayor Gaynor has written to the Board of Aldermen urging that body to take action on the ordinance which was drawn by the committee of citizens he appointed last year to provide for the better regulation of the moving picture theatres. The Aldermen have allowed the matter to remain in abeyance, and as there was apparently little prospect that the Board would act the Mayor has written a prodding letter to the Aldermen part of which reads:

"These shows are a great solace and the source of much entertainment and education to the whole community. They are attended by all kinds of people, and especially by those who cannot afford to attend more expensive places of amusement. The pictures shown are moral, and instructive. The great outcry of certain uninformed persons against them which existed not long ago has subsided. Our part is to safeguard the shows in all respects—physical, mental and moral, by a good ordinance."

## MRS. W. K. VANDERBILT ILL.

Operated On for Appendicitis—Said to Be Doing Well.

It was reported yesterday that an operation for appendicitis had been performed on Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., on Wednesday morning at her home, 666 Fifth avenue. On Wednesday night her condition was serious, but yesterday morning, however, it appeared that the greatest of the danger had passed and last night it was understood that she was in a fair way to recover.

Mrs. Vanderbilt was at her home on Long Island when she became ill and the physicians found that an operation was necessary.

She came into town immediately and Dr. Austin Flint, Jr., performed the operation at 5 o'clock Wednesday morning.

## NO PAY FOR BAD THEATRE SEAT.

Boston Jury Given Verdict for \$1 Paid for Side Gallery Chair.

BOSTON, May 2.—Alexander E. Rose, a Boston lawyer, got a verdict of \$1 to-day in the Superior Court against the Frohman-Harris Company because he was unable to see a performance at the Boston Theatre on January 11 from his seat in the balcony.

Rose bought a seat for a performance by Sarah Bernhardt, but when he reached his seat at the side of the balcony he decided that he could not see enough of the stage to make it worth his while to remain. He waited for eight minutes and then went to the box office and asked for his money back. This was refused him and he brought suit.

## KAISER BUYS SHEEP FARMS.

Wants to Share in African Colony's Wool Profits.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.

BERLIN, May 2.—The Kaiser has added to his existing commercial and agricultural interests two sheep farms in southwest Africa. He believes the colony has a big future in exporting wool and wishes to encourage, as well as to share in the profits of the farms.

## A SPLIT WITH FEW SPLINTERS.

Louisiana Lily Whites Divide on Taft and Roosevelt.

ALEXANDRIA, La., May 2.—Having agreed to disagree with as little friction as possible, the split Republican State convention held here to-day was almost harmonious. There were few personalities and the procedure was orderly and quiet.

Each faction chose six delegates to the Chicago convention, the Roosevelt men instructing for the Colonel and the Taft men endorsing the President.

The convention to-day was made up of the so-called Lily White faction, known locally as the Williams-Wright faction. Frank B. Williams, the chairman, heads the Louisiana Taft forces and now is practically sole referee of Federal patronage in the State. National Committeeman Pearl Wright recently was ousted from his re-election. Wright is the general of the Roosevelt forces.

The Hebert-Loisel, or "black and tan," Republican faction held its meeting here nearly a month ago, endorsed Taft and instructed its delegates to vote for him.

## ZEPPELIN MAY FIGHT DUEL.

Airship Inventor, 74, Awails Court of Honor's Decision.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.

BRUSSELS, May 2.—Count Zeppelin, the famous airship inventor, notwithstanding the fact that he will be 74 years this month is conspicuous as the principal in an expected duel owing to the reopening of his quarrel with Herr Lerner, whom Zeppelin dismissed from his Arctic expedition.

The original recriminations between Count Zeppelin and Lerner nearly ended in a duel, but the former admitted that he had acted hastily, and Lerner withdrew what he had said. There has been a lawsuit, in which Lerner declared he was sorry he had withdrawn his words. Thereupon the Count responded to the Court of Honor, which is now considering whether he has grounds for a duel.

## BIDDLE BOOMS BIBLE CLASS.

Provides Summer Vacation Home for Members Near Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, May 2.—Anthony J. Drexel Biddle hopes to increase his Bible class from 3,400, the present membership, to 10,000.

He plans to turn the estate of A. J. Drexel, Jr., at Lansdowne into a summer vacation home for members of the class. The estate consists of seventeen acres with two large buildings. Mr. Biddle has been remodeling the estate. He has installed tennis courts, a gymnasium and a baseball field and will have dormitories to accommodate fifty men and ten women. Ten cents a night will be charged for lodging and the price of meals will be limited to 15 cents for breakfast and 20 cents for dinner and supper. No person will be allowed to sleep on the estate more than two nights in one week.

## FLOOD SWEEPING SCORE OF TOWNS

River Pouring Through Torras Crevasse Does \$10,000,000 Damage.